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- This is a Request for Continued Examination under §1.114; authorization is provided herewith to charge Deposit Account []) per §1.17(e). No. 23-0804 for the cost of same (\$_ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _per §1.116. []
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Total	50 - 50	= 0	x \$ 50.00 =	0.00
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